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JFK & Dulles Deny Nixon's Cuba Story

Washington, March 20 (NEWS Bureau).—The White House and former CIA chief Allen Dulles denied today that President Kennedy had been told of the pending Cuban invasion during the hot political campaign last fall, as asserted by former Vice President Richard Nixon.

In his new book, "Six Crises," Nixon accused Kennedy of knowingly endangering the U.S. foreign policy by calling for help for anti-Castro Cubans after being briefed on the invasion plan by CIA officials.

Richard Nixon
"Mr. Nixon's account is apparently based on a misunderstanding," White House Press Secretary Salinger said. Candidate Kennedy was briefed twice during the campaign by Dulles, then CIA director, and Cuba was "mentioned," Salinger said. But he said the invasion plan was not disclosed to Kennedy.

"The President does not believe that intelligence briefings are a proper subject of public debate," Salinger said, rebuking Nixon.

At Palm Beach, He Says
"But in the light of the account in Mr. Nixon's book, it is necessary to say that the then Sen. Kennedy was not told before the election of 1960 of the training of troops outside of Cuba, or of any plans for supporting an invasion of Cuba," Salinger said.

"Sen. Kennedy was first informed of the operation to which Mr. Nixon refers in a briefing by

Allen Dulles and Richard Bissell of the CIA given in Palm Beach, Fla., on Nov. 18, 1960," This was 10 days after the election.

Dulles corroborated the White House version in a statement released through the CIA.

